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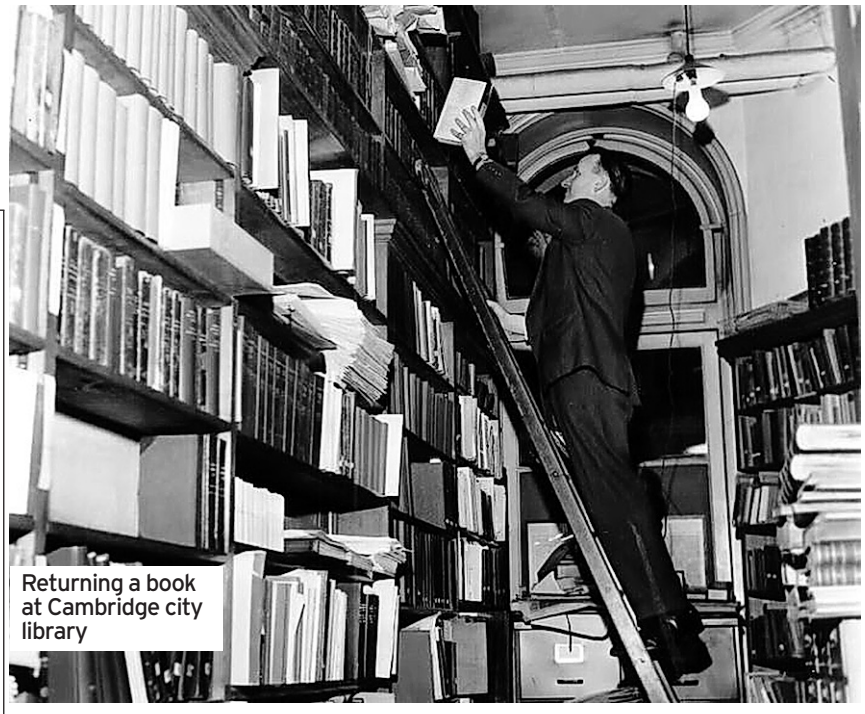
Start of congestion and tennis to-do

MIKE PETTY AND JAMES MILNER LOOK THROUGH THE CAMBRIDGE NEWS ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES FROM THIS DAY IN THE PAST



Returning a book at Cambridge city library

History collection grows – 1969

Arbury Road Baptist Church magazines dating back to 1949 are being bound for addition to the local collection at the Cambridge city library.

All types of local publications including medical officer's reports and street and telephone directories are acquired and catalogued.

But they are of little use if the material they contain cannot be quickly retrieved.

The city library is developing a selective dissemination of information (SDI) system in which a note is made of the interests of anyone engaged on research in local history in order that any item of interest to them can be drawn to their attention.

Anyone can be included in the scheme simply by notifying the city librarian of a particular interest. A continual check is kept on all incoming material.

Recently, no less than 25 catalogue cards were made out for a book of no more than 20 pages. Demand is increasing. The use of books has risen by over 50 per cent in the last three years.

But the work of the local collection does not stop there: photographs are included as well.

Quite a common procedure with old photographs is to copy them and return the originals to their owners. In this way, the collection has acquired 50 postcards of the Cambridge scene produced by Stearn in the 1940s and several views of Mr Moon's shop in Fitzroy Street circa 1915. Mr Moon lent the originals for copying.

Higher rate of vehicles – 1963

Cambridgeshire has a higher ratio of road vehicles per head of population than the national average – about one to every six.

Peak-hour travel is increasing as more people use their cars to journey to

Parked Cars on Corn Exchange Street circa 1963